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UPCOMING EVENTS

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March

- 23-24 Practice SAR
- Benton Harbor
- 31 IN Wing Chk Pilot
Course - Lafayette, IN

April

- 6-8 Wing Conference
- Kalamazoo
- 8 Commanders' Call/CAC
- Kalamazoo
- 21 Counter Drug Contest
- Flint
- 23-26 GLR Chaplin College
- Wright Pat. AFB
- 28-29 GLR ES Conference
- Grissom AFB

May

- 4-6 Comm Training -Selfridge
- 4-6 GLR Cadet Competition
- 18-20 Practice SAR - Flint
- 19 GLR SAR—Ohio

June

- 2-3 SLS
- 2-3 Flight Clinic—Willow Run

NAVIGATION COMPETITION DRAWS NINE TEAMS

By C/2LT Gus Gettas

Livingston Composite Squadron held the 2nd annual Navigation Competition at Kensington Metro Park. There was a quick refresher course for anyone that needed it, then they were off on the right step immediately. Nine teams from around the Wing participated, some with lots of experience and others that came to learn navigation.

Livonia Thunderbolt Team A, lead by **c/2d Lt Cox**, took first place at this years competition. The team found all eight points assigned to them. In second place was **Daniel Prose Memorial Squadron**, lead by **c/1lt Steiner**. Following closely in third place was **Livingston Composite Squadron**, lead by **c/SrA Layland**. Other teams that participated included:



Roadside Planning for Navigation Points

Livonia Thunderbolt, Mustang, Oakland Composite Adrian, and a Senior Member Team.

All teams that came, found out that they need to always be practicing navigation to stay proficient at it. More importantly, everyone planned to return to their home squadrons to teach all of the cadets the intricacies of navigation.

Thanks again for everyone showing up this year! We look forward to seeing all of you, and more teams, show up next year.

Editor's Note:

Special thanks to **c/2LT Gus Gettas** and **1LT Luke Evans** for organizing and executing on this excellent activity.



C/1LT Chad Baum instructs c/BAM Strong on DF techniques

OPERATION PENGUIN

By CPT Jerry Rocho

On January 27, 2001, members of the **Scott M. Burgess Composite Squadron** descended on Holt, MI to learn how to thrive in the cold, for Operation Penguin.

Cadets and Seniors alike learned critical skills like fire and shelter building in a cold environment. **LTC Kay McLaughlin** also demonstrated the basics of moving around in snowshoes and cross-country skis.

The culmination of the days training was a simulated missing aircraft mission, that reportedly went down, including radar data and eyewitness accounts.

Two teams started from either end of the park and searched along the reported

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TID BITS

- Thanks to Maj. Rick McLaughlin we can look up ECI courses information online at www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afiadl. You can get transcripts, check test scores, enrollment eligibility and request tests. Please copy Pam Saile (ps8owat@wsdmi.org) if you decide to enroll.
- In order to comply with CAPR, all MIWG driver's licenses will expire on 1 April 2001. Please review the MIWG web page for details on renewing your license.
- If you are or know of a CAP success story, please send information to LTC Kay McLaughlin (kaymclaughlin@voyager.net). This will help us in many of our outreach programs.

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."

-Max De Prece

MIWG Conference

Michigan Wing's annual Conference will be held on 6-8 April 2001 at the Kalamazoo Radisson (616-343-3333 or 800-333-3333).

Conference registrations must be returned by 27 Mar 01 in order to avoid a late fee. Registration material can be downloaded from <http://miwg.cap.gov/conference.htm>.

Look forward to seeing SAR dogs, the new CAP STK program, AFRCC and much more at this year's conference.



Note from the Editor

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UNITS IN ACTION

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path of the aircraft toward the center of the park where the simulated objective, complete with an ELT, was hidden.

The teams used all the skills at their disposal including compass based line-searches, direction-finding, map reading, etc. Most importantly, the search teams had to use leadership, cooperation and teamwork to find the objective.

To make things interesting, each team was presented with an 'unexpected' challenge. One team had to deal with a missing child scenario and the other faced a simulated injury within the team.

Both teams performed admirably. The missing child was

found, the injured team member was evacuated to safety and the search objective was located.

Beginning early on the morning of 17 February 2001, 29 members of MIWG began the pilgrimage to Mid-State Airport in PAWG for Winter Hawk.

Sixteen cadets participated in basic cold weather operations including shelter building, first aid, woodmanship and navigation. Nine other cadets participated on staff or the Advanced and Special Advanced programs.

A special thanks to the senior members who made the 7 hour drive **Dave D'Arcy, Jason**

Cribbons, Steve Clingerman and Christine Yeager.

Given the turnout, MIWG will hold its own Winter Training next year.

Looking for Old Friends

Before being sent overseas to join in the Pacific War effort in 1944, **Joe Benak** was a member of

MIWG CAP in Galien, Michigan.

A young Mr. Benak joined MIWG CAP in 1943 and participated until 1944 when he joined the US Army.



Cadet Benak in 1944

In addition to earning the rank of Corporal as a cadet, Mr. Benak earned his student pilot certificate from the Department of Commerce Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Now, approaching 75 years, Mr. Benak is looking for some old friends that may have been in CAP during this tenure in the Galien/Inoia area. If you were a member or know someone that was a member, and you would like to get in touch with Mr. Benak, you can contact him at: Mr. Joseph Benak, 1133 P.O. Box 82, Ionia, Michigan 48846.

INFO ON THE WEB

MIWG Website	http://miwg.cap.gov
CAP National HQ	http://www..capnhq.gov
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Soaring Society of America	http://www.ssa.org
CAP Mission Mgmt Utility	http://wmu.capnqh.gov
MSP Emergency Mgmt Trng	http://www.msp.state.mi.us/division/emd/emdweb1.htm
FEMA Courses	http://www.feega.gov/emi/crslist.htm
CAP ES Resource Page	http://www.cap-es.net
MDOT	http://mdot.state.mi.us/aero
Natl Assoc for SAR	http://www.nasar.org



NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES INITIATIVES

Emergency Services personnel from around the Wing gathered in Lansing to get a brief overview of the Incident Command System and developments in the new ES Curriculum.

Maj Carol Heeringa, MIWG/DOS, provided an overview of the FEMA based Incident Command System ("ICS"). Mission Coordinators, Ground and Air Operations Officers, Aircrews and Ground Teams listened intently as a new vocabulary of terms were used to describe many old CAP

terms. ICS has historically been used by principally government agencies, but it is now being widely adopted by all emergency type



Dave Cotton & Mike Marcus note new ES procedures

agencies. This role out will ensure a common set of terms and organizational structure to emergency.

Members also received a tour of the new on-line Mission Management Utilities (<http://wmu.nat.cap.gov>). In addition to tracking and reporting on unit mission capabilities, the tool allows individual members to review their records to insure the most up-to-date information.

Members were also advised of new CAP training guidelines that will be released soon.